

CITY *Visions*

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FUTURE FACILITIES FEATURED AT TASTE OF MORGAN HILL

THE TASTE of Morgan Hill festival on September 28-29 gives the City an opportunity to describe the many new facilities that will add to Morgan Hill's community life. A key feature of this year's City exhibit will be the new Community and Cultural Center. Although the facility itself won't be available for public walk-through due to ongoing construction activity, the City display will have a variety of hands-on displays and activities that will offer a "taste" of what to expect. Additionally, the individuals who will be staffing the Center will be available for those interested in making reservation plans for events like wedding receptions, banquets, seminars, holiday parties, and trade shows.

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GROWTH CONTROL EXTENSION CONSIDERED

THE CITY Council recently established a Task Force to consider extending and updating the City's Residential Growth Control System. A Community Workshop on potential changes to the system will be held on September 17 at 7 PM in the City Hall's Villas Conference Room.

Commonly called Measure P after the citizens' initiative that established the system, our growth control

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PHOTO: Janette Lapora of the City's Human Resources Department provides answers to visitors at last year's city exhibit at "Taste of Morgan Hill." A large shaded area, lots of pictures, and plenty of information drew thousands of visitors to this part of the overall event.

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EACH YEAR, the City has a relatively small amount of money to distribute to all of the nonprofit agencies providing a variety of valuable social services to Morgan Hill residents. For the current fiscal year, the City was able to combine funding from the Community Development Block Grant program (CDBG), Redevelopment Agency Housing Set-Aside Funds (HSA), and City Housing Mitigation Fees (HMF) to allocate about \$252,000 to groups in the community.

Catholic Charities was allocated \$2,300 in CDBG funds for the Long Term Care Ombudsman Program. This program provides advocacy and investigation services for residents of nursing homes and residential care facilities located in Morgan Hill. 944-0567.

Catholic Charities was allocated \$15,000 in HSA funds for the Shared Housing Program. This program provides support services such as case management, day care, individual care plan goals, career and personal counseling, and life-skills education. 282-1127.

Community Solutions was allocated \$15,000 in CDBG funds for the El Toro Youth Center/Friday Night Jams Program. This program provides tutoring, leadership-building skills, participatory recreation, and health, mental health and substance abuse education for children. Friday Night Jams provides “at-risk” youth a positive alternative to gangs, drugs, alcohol, frustration and simple boredom. 779-6002.



Community Solutions was allocated \$16,000 in HSA funds for the La Isla Pacific Shelter for Battered Woman and Their Children. This program provides 24-hour crisis intervention, counseling and support, legal advocacy and emergency assistance to women and children victimized by domestic violence. 846-4763.

Emergency Housing Consortium was allocated \$15,000 in HMF funds for the Shelter and Services Program. This program provides shelter and supportive services to homeless residents. 247-1400.

The Lighthouse was allocated \$6,893 in CDBG funds for the Youth Outreach program which provides a “safe haven” for teens. The services include free games such as billiards, table soccer, video games, snack bar, camping trips, concerts, tutoring, Internet access and homework area. 782-5111.

Live Oak Adult Day Services was allocated \$3,800 in CDBG funds for the Adult Day Care Program which provides a specialized program of age-appropriate activities and care designed to serve the needs of the frail and disabled senior adult population and to effectively prevent or delay their placement in a full-care facility. 847-5491.

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September

2002

Patriot Day A NATIONAL DAY OF REMEMBRANCE

In Remembrance OF THOSE LOST
In Celebration OF AMERICAN SPIRIT

JOIN YOUR MORGAN HILL COMMUNITY
SEPTEMBER 11, 2002
12:00 NOON



CIVIC CENTER GREEN • FLAG POLES-
LOCATED ON PEAK AVENUE BETWEEN
MAIN AVENUE AND ALKIRE AVENUE

SPONSORED BY THE CITY OF MORGAN HILL AND THE MORGAN HILL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE



Recycle Days Are Here Again

*On Friday,
September 13 and
Saturday, September 14,
City of Morgan Hill
residents will be able to
drop off a variety of
recyclable items at the
San Martin Transfer
Station free of charge.*

*The transfer station is
located at 14070 Llagas
Avenue in San Martin,
and is open 8AM-
4:30PM for the event.*

To Be Eligible To Participate:

You must reside within
the City limits.

Your garbage account must be
current (no past due balance). your
driver's license.

Event is for residential customers only.
No business recyclables accepted.

Event staff will have a list of
customers to verify residence.

*Coat Drive
Have a coat you're not using
anymore? Bring it to Recycle
Days for our
"Coat For Day Workers"
coat drive!*

What Can I Bring To Recycle Days?

- ♪ Untreated, unfinished, and unpainted wood.
- ♪ Metal appliances such as refrigerators, air conditioners, washers, dryers, and hot water heaters. There will be a \$22 charge for certification of Freon removal from appliances that contain, or at one time contained, Freon.
- ♪ Scrap metal: This includes bicycles, metal lawn mowers (fuel & oil removed), microwaves, or any item that contains over 50% metal.
- ♪ Computer Equipment: There will be a \$10.00 disposal fee collected for each monitor. Cash only; no checks or credit cards accepted! **Monitors with broken or cracked glass will not be accepted.**
- ♪ Televisions: There will be a \$15.00 disposal fee collected for each television. Cash only; no checks or credit cards accepted! **Televisions with broken or cracked glass will not be accepted.**
- ♪ Small household electronics: Stereos, VCR's, telephones, cameras, alarm clocks, fax machines, etc.
- ♪ Men's Coats (clean and in good condition).

What Can't I Bring?

Anything not listed above. Some examples would be:

- ♪ Treated, Painted or Compressed Wood, Plywood, or Particle Board.
- ♪ Trees, tree stumps, or yard waste.
- ♪ Plastics such as toys, lawn furniture, water softeners, pools, etc.
- ♪ Propane tanks.
- ♪ Household hazardous waste. If you have hazardous waste, call the Santa Clara County Household Hazardous Waste Hotline at 299-7300.

What Else Do I Need To Know?

If you bring in more than one type of material, please have them separated in your vehicle. You will need to drive to several areas at the transfer station to drop off recyclables in the appropriate areas. Commingled material may be charged as garbage unless it is separated.

It is impossible to list all unacceptable items! Recycle Days is **only** for materials listed above which are properly separated and sorted. Residents bringing other materials will be charged for disposal at the normal transfer station rates. Loads are inspected and the Transfer Station reserves the right to refuse items that are not accepted by their recycling contractors.


For more information, contact the Environmental Programs Division at 779-7247 or environ@ch.morgan-hill.ca.gov.

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system has effectively moderated the rate of residential growth in the community for over a decade. Since the system expires in 2010 and has some minor problems, the City established a Task Force to draft an extension and proposed set of changes.

This initial workshop is being held early in the process so that the Task Force can benefit from community input before actually proposing changes. An additional workshop will be scheduled at the end of the process.



For more information, contact us at 779-7247 or environ@ch.morgan-hill.ca.gov. If you are unable to attend the workshop and would like to be kept informed about the process, please let us know. 

Article by Anthony Eulo, Assistant To The City Manager, 779-7247 or teulo@ch.morgan-hill.ca.gov

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Project Sentinel was allocated \$25,000 in HSA funds for the Tenant-Landlord Dispute Resolution Program which provides landlord-tenant information, referral, counseling, education, dispute resolution services and mortgage delinquency counseling to residents of Morgan Hill. 842-7750.


Second Harvest Food Bank was allocated \$3,300 in CDBG funds for the Operation Brown Bag Program. This program provides a weekly bag of food, workshops and activities in nutrition and health, consumer education and preservation to low-income seniors.

The Food Bank also distributes surplus and nonmarketable food to nonprofit agencies who provide meals or food boxes to low-income families and individuals in Morgan Hill. 266-8866.

St. Catherine’s Day Worker Service Center was allocated \$5,000 in CDBG funds. Provides employment-related services such as job readiness, job search

and placement, job retention, English classes and information referrals to other social service program to day laborers working in the agricultural, landscaping and construction business. 779-3959

The City of Morgan Hill has allocated \$89,253 of non-public services CDBG funds for the **Galvan Park Improvements** which will design and replace the existing handball court, baseball backstop, and beautify the landscaping.

In addition, the City of Morgan Hill has allocated \$50,000 of non-public services CDBG funds for the Day Worker Center which will provide public street improvements and/or purchase a modular building to house the new Day Worker Service Center. 


Article by Teresa Crue, Municipal Services Assistant, Business Assistance and Housing Services Department, 776-7373.

Can You Help The Teacher's Aid Project?

DID YOU know that many teachers need to pay for their own classroom supplies? As incredible as this seems - imagine if office workers needed to supply their own copy paper - the School District does not have the budgetary resources to provide all of the classroom supplies needed by our students for classroom work. Thus, for many years, local teachers have been providing these supplies out of their own pockets.

Some local residents have initiated the Teacher's Aid Project to help local teachers obtain the supplies

needed to educate our youth. This is your opportunity to help! With support, donations, and monetary gifts coming entirely from the public, this is a very positive way of reinforcing, especially to our newer teachers, that their work is appreciated.

If you would like to make a donation, call the offices of Dr. Jon Y. Hatakeyama, DDS, at 779-7391 for more information. 

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NOW IS A GREAT TIME TO...

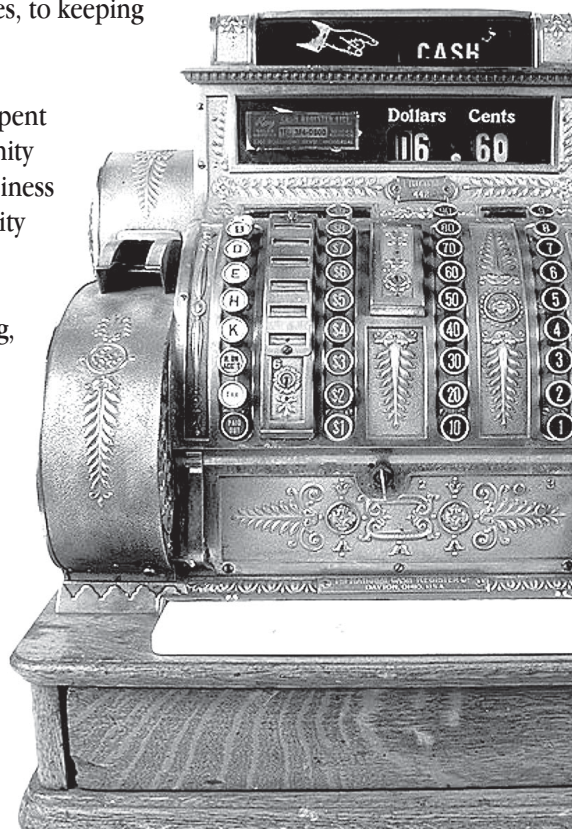
SHOP MORGAN HILL

Now, more than ever, it is vital that we keep our dollars at home. When you shop in Morgan Hill, your purchasing power contributes to the local economy and your sales tax contributes to YOUR local community. Sales tax is the largest single source of your city government's revenues. Each local purchase you make contributes to maintaining police and fire services, to keeping our parks clean and green, and filling potholes in our streets.

A locally owned independent business returns much of each dollar spent back to the community. A locally-owned business assists the community through a "multiplier effect": one dollar spent at a locally-owned business will return many times that amount within the community through city taxes, employees' wages, and purchase of materials and supplies at other independent businesses. In addition, a locally-owned business will turn that dollar back into the community through school funding, social services, and contributions to local nonprofit organizations.

Even local chain and franchise stores contribute back into the community through employee wages, sales taxes and property taxes.

**So shop in Morgan Hill
and feel proud to
support your community.**





ABOVE: An artist's rendering of the City of Morgan Hill's Community and Cultural Center

Each year, the City takes advantage of the "Taste" to get its staff out on the street meeting the public and providing information about the City services, projects, and information. This year will be no exception as staff members - including the City Council and executive managers - meet and greet the public at the large City exhibit on East Second Street.

According to Jay Jaso and Pam Borzone, coordinators of this major display, approximately five to seven thousand residents and visitors stopped by during last year's event to say hello, collect information, ask questions, and find out more about City services and projects. Says Borzone, "For us as City staff, this brings us hundreds of one-on-one opportunities to interact directly with residents, and to give them a face and name that they can relate to. We tell the staff that helps out at the City exhibit to bring lots of business cards, and to take initiative in becoming the point person for following up questions in the days following the event. We want residents to really take to heart that we're here to serve them." 🌈

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Notes & NEWS

• WWW.NEW!

You can now access abbreviated City Council & Redevelopment Agency Agenda Packets on the City of Morgan Hill's Web Site. It is as simple as typing www.morgan-hill.ca.gov, then click the following buttons: "City Government," "City Council & Redevelopment Agency," "City and Redevelopment Agency Agenda," select a year, select date, scroll through agenda and the attached staff reports. Agendas and staff reports will be viewed in Acrobat Reader.

• BICYCLE & TRAILS ADVISORY COMMITTEE VACANCIES

There are currently two vacancies on the Bicycle & Trails Advisory Committee, a subcommittee of the Parks and Recreation Commission. The BTAC consists of 7 appointed members and a liaison from the Parks and Recreation Commission. It meets the 3rd Monday of each month at 6:15 p.m. Applications will be accepted until vacancies are filled and are available by contacting the Morgan Hill City Clerk's Office at 779-7259.

• PG&E CARE PROGRAM

The PG&E CARE program is a very valuable, and often under-utilized, program that provides qualifying consumers with a 20% discount on their energy bill. In addition, electric participants are exempt from last year's rate increases.

PG&E estimates that nearly half a million customers who are eligible for the program are not enrolled. Recently, the City Council, in conjunction with PG&E, issued a proclamation naming June 2002 as PG&E CARE month in an effort to get the word out on this outstanding opportunity for many of our residents.

For further details, and to learn about qualifying for the program, please call the CARE multilingual enrollment hotline at 1-866-PGE-CARE, or log onto their website at www.pge.com/care 🌈

Article by Irma Torrez, City Clerk 779-7259

MORGAN HILL COMMUNITY GUIDE

CHANNEL 17 PROGRAMMING

CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS

REGULAR SESSION: 9/04 7PM LIVE
9/05 NOON REPLAY
9/07 8PM REPLAY
9/08 NOON REPLAY

REGULAR SESSION: 9/18 7PM LIVE
9/19 NOON REPLAY
9/21 8PM REPLAY
9/22 NOON REPLAY

JOINT RDA SESSION: 9/25 7PM LIVE
9/26 NOON REPLAY
9/28 8PM REPLAY
9/29 NOON REPLAY

PLANNING COMMISSION MEETINGS

REGULAR SESSION: 9/10 7PM LIVE
9/11 NOON REPLAY
9/14 8PM REPLAY
9/15 NOON REPLAY

REGULAR SESSION: 9/24 7PM LIVE
9/25 NOON REPLAY
9/28 NOON REPLAY
9/29 8PM REPLAY

FIRE SAFETY HOUR INSIDE & OUT 9:30AM & 4:30PM DAILY
FRIDAY 7PM

FUGITIVE WATCH 10:30AM, & 5:40PM DAILY
SANTA CLARA COUNTY'S MOST WANTED FRIDAY 8:10PM

COMMUNITY EVENTS CALENDAR

South County Garage Sale • September 7 & 8

Call 779-7247 for more information.

Compost Workshop • September 10

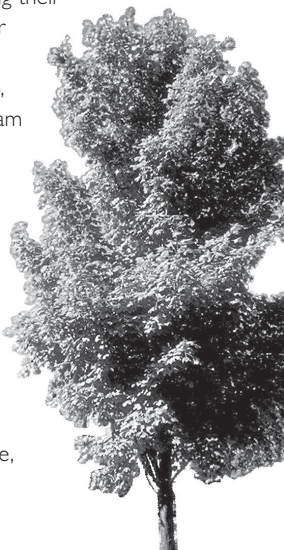
Attendees of Morgan Hill Home Composting workshops discover the benefits of gardening using their own compost. The next class is scheduled for Tuesday, September 10, from 7PM- 9PM at the YMCA. To register for this free workshop, call the Home Composting Education Program at 918-4640.

Community Workshop • September 17

7PM in the City Hall's Villas Conference Room. For more information, contact 779-7247 or environ@ch.morgan-hill.ca.gov.

Taste of Morgan Hill • September 28-29

For more information call 779-9444 or online, visit www.morganhill.org



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Police Chief **Gerald T. Galvin**
Public Works Director **Jim Ashcraft**
Recreation Manager **Julie Spier**

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Finance 779-7237
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